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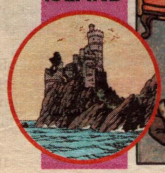

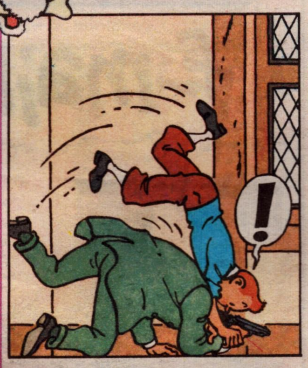

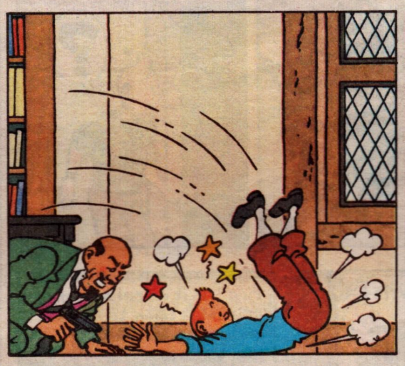

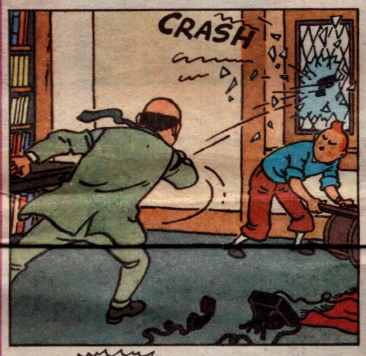

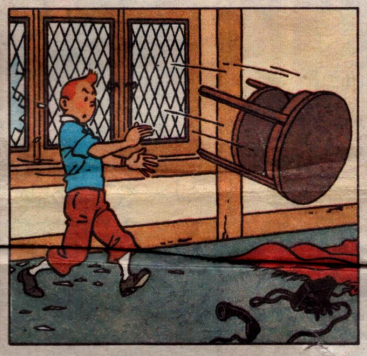

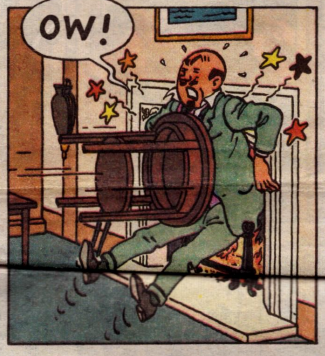

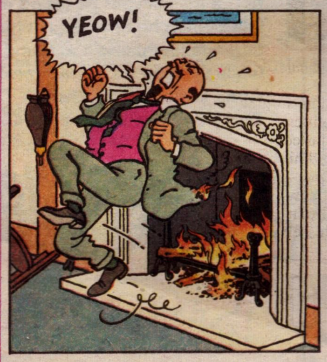

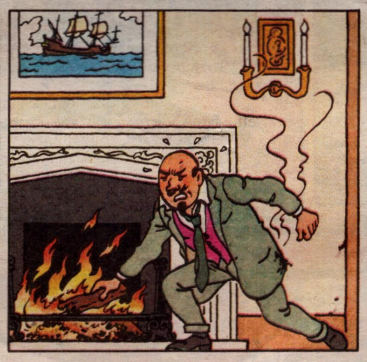

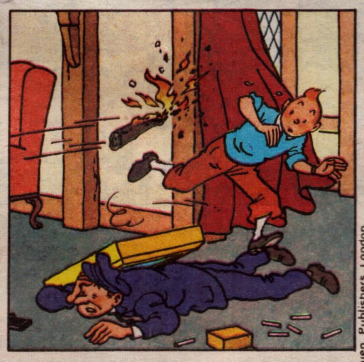

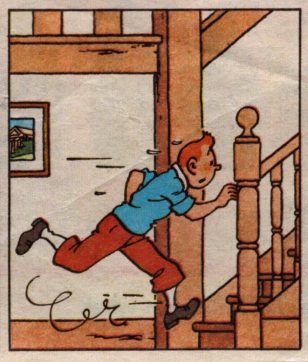

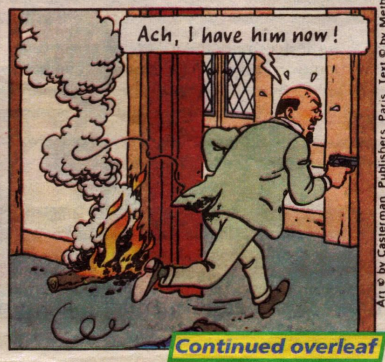

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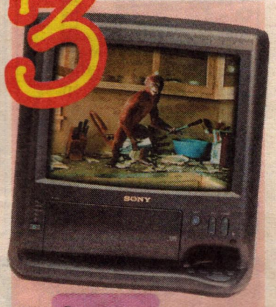

Bedroom Bonus
Win a television and video plus the Jumanji video!

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Your car's a tip!
Meet the man who made his own car from a skip!

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Uncovered!
Find the man who missed the goal and you could win a pizza party!

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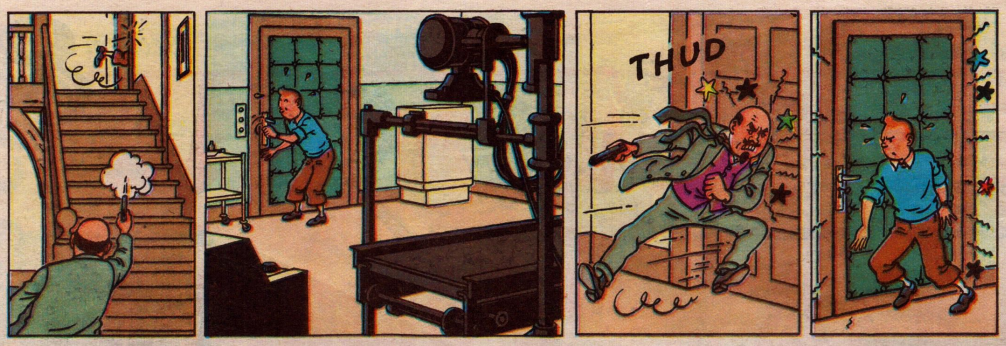
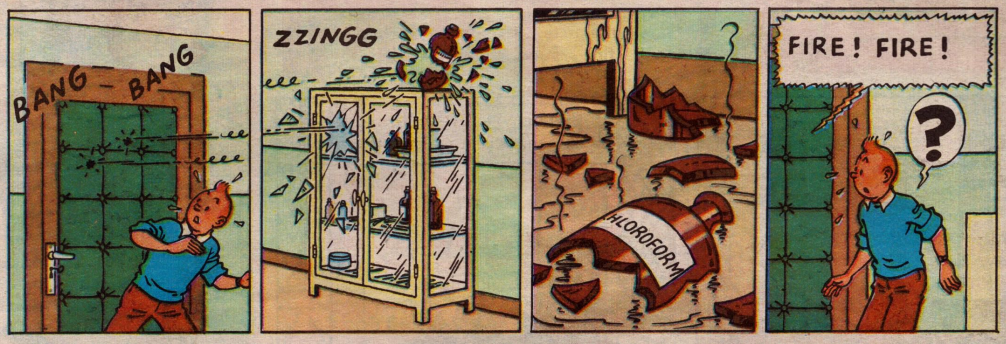
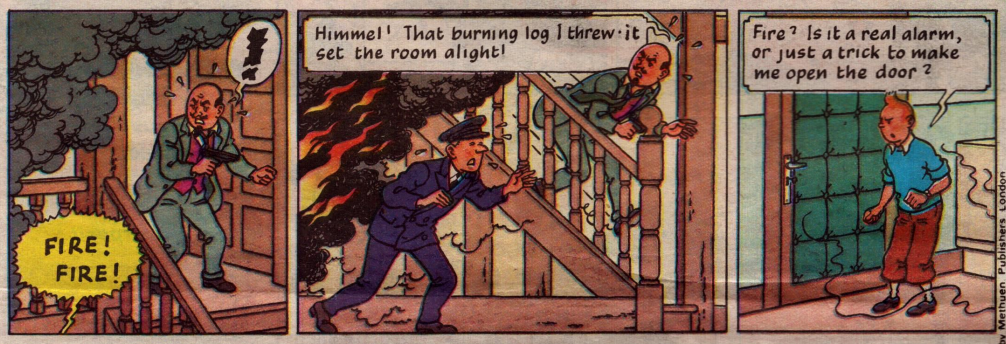
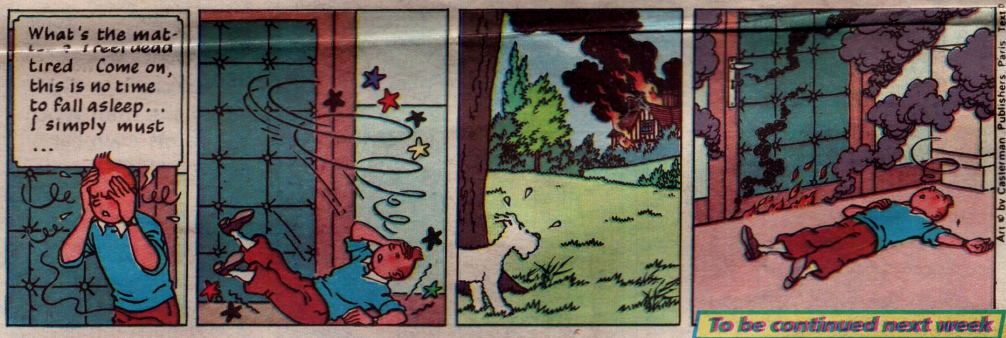
Burning buildings
We're all ablaze with fire-fighting facts!









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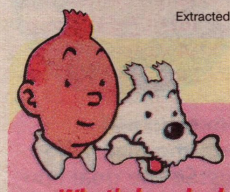

Fact File

What's knocked Tintin out? It's more effective than a bang on the head but less painful!

- Chloroform was used as an anaesthetic to free patients from feeling pain during surgery. The Scottish surgeon, Sir James Young Simpson was the first to use it in 1847
- Before the 19th century there were no effective anaesthetics so anyone having an operation would be held down by assistants until they passed out – the more they struggled the more difficult they made the surgeon's job!
- Anaesthetics can be 'local', numbing just one area, or 'general' knocking the patient right out

For more Tintin information or a mail order catalogue of Tintin books, postcards and T-shirts contact **The Tintin Shop** in London on **0171-838 0901**

THE

We want to hear from all of our readers – and that means you! Send us your letters, poems, photos and pictures. Everything we print wins a Datapad Electronic Organiser from Tiger. So get scribbling! Contributions to:

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f-mail...

Dear f-mail
I have a fabulous dolls house which my dad made. It has 16 rooms, electrical lighting and a family living in it called the Smallish family. Here is a photo of the house.
Cairsty Grassie, age 11, Aberdeen

Has anyone else got a favourite toy - do tell us about it and send a photo!

Dear f-mail
My uncle's friend was stuck in traffic with his Mum one day last year, in Dublin. The nearby swollen stream and an empty bottle gave him the idea of using free-post! He scribbled his name and address on a note and stuffed it in the bottle. It found its way to the River Liffey and eventually to the Irish Sea, as he found out five days later, when he received a letter from Cumbria. Someone had found the bottle while walking on a beach near Sellafield!
Anne Wall, age 12, Dublin

That's one way to beat the Christmas rush

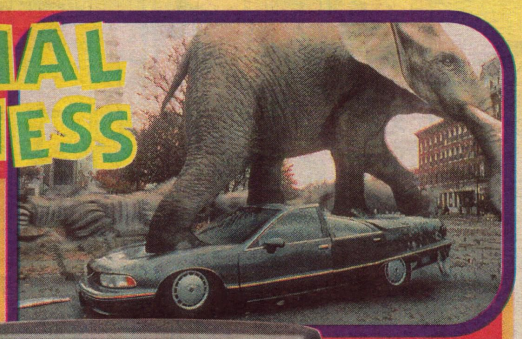
Star letter

Dear f-mail
Grown-ups can be very confusing. My dad says that the government should ban all guns straight away and that it is wrong to use guns. Why then do I always get pistols for my birthday and Christmas? Even when we get videos, they always have guns and shooting in them. I think that we should start a campaign to tell grown-ups that we don't want to grow up in a world where people get shot and that toy guns, videos and computer games with killing should not be allowed.
Christopher Simpson, age 11, Reading

 Will Tintin wake up in time to get out of the burning house? Find out next week

FUNDAY TIMES CLUB

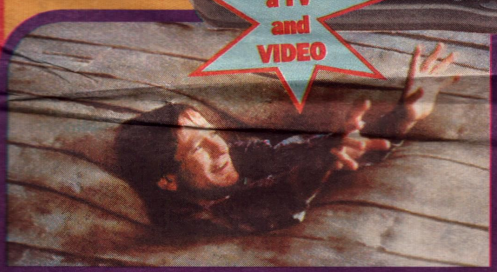
ANIMAL MADNESS



Jumanji is a fantasy film exploding with special effects, just unleashed on to retail video by Columbia Tristar Home Video. Robin Williams stars as a man who is set free from a magical jungle themed board game after 26 years.

WIN a TV and VIDEO

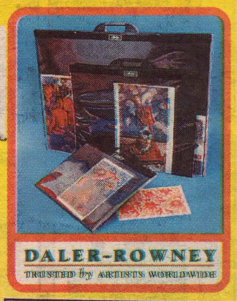
Fun for all the family, the video is on sale at £14.99. But we're offering you chance to see it for free – on this fantastic Sony TV and Video all in one unit! One lucky winner will get the TV and a copy of the video! Five runners-up will win a fantastic Jumanji Leather Jacket and a video.



To win, tell us another film in which Robin Williams stars.

Answers to the Club address on Page 2 by December 2

Drawing board



This week's prize will bring out the best in budding artists – fine art and graphic materials from Daler Rowney. Our Cartoon King will win Daler-Rowney's new A3 Artbag filled with paper, paints, pencils and brushes. Runners-up will win an Artbag and set of 12 Derwent Artists' Pencils. So get Drawing!

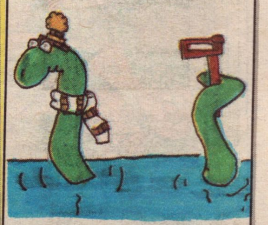
Cartoon King

Renee Lane, age 13, Frome, Somerset

Q What did Baby Corn say to Mummy Corn?

A Where's Pop Corn?!

Dafydd Lewis, age 12, Gwynedd, Wales

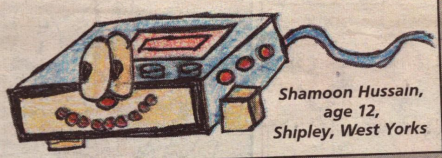


Q What is the sea monster's favourite football team?

A Slitherpool!

Q What did the digital clock say to the alarm clock?

A Look, no hands!



Shamoon Hussain, age 12, Shipley, West Yorks

Sounds great ...feels good

Here's your chance to design a very special Christmas card – a tactile card for blind and partially sighted people. Use lots of different textures on your A4 card – cotton wool for Santa's beard and glitter for snow, so there's plenty to touch. **Boots the Chemists, who are selling their own Charity Christmas Cards to help the Royal National Institute for the Blind, have come up with some great prizes.** The winning design receives a Boots CD Sounds Mini System. Your card will also be produced and sold next year by the RNIB. Twenty second prize winners will win a Boots Power Cassette Player and 100 runners-up win a Boots Bug Single-Use Camera with Flash.

Send your cards to the Club address on Page 2 by December 2

The NUMSKULLS

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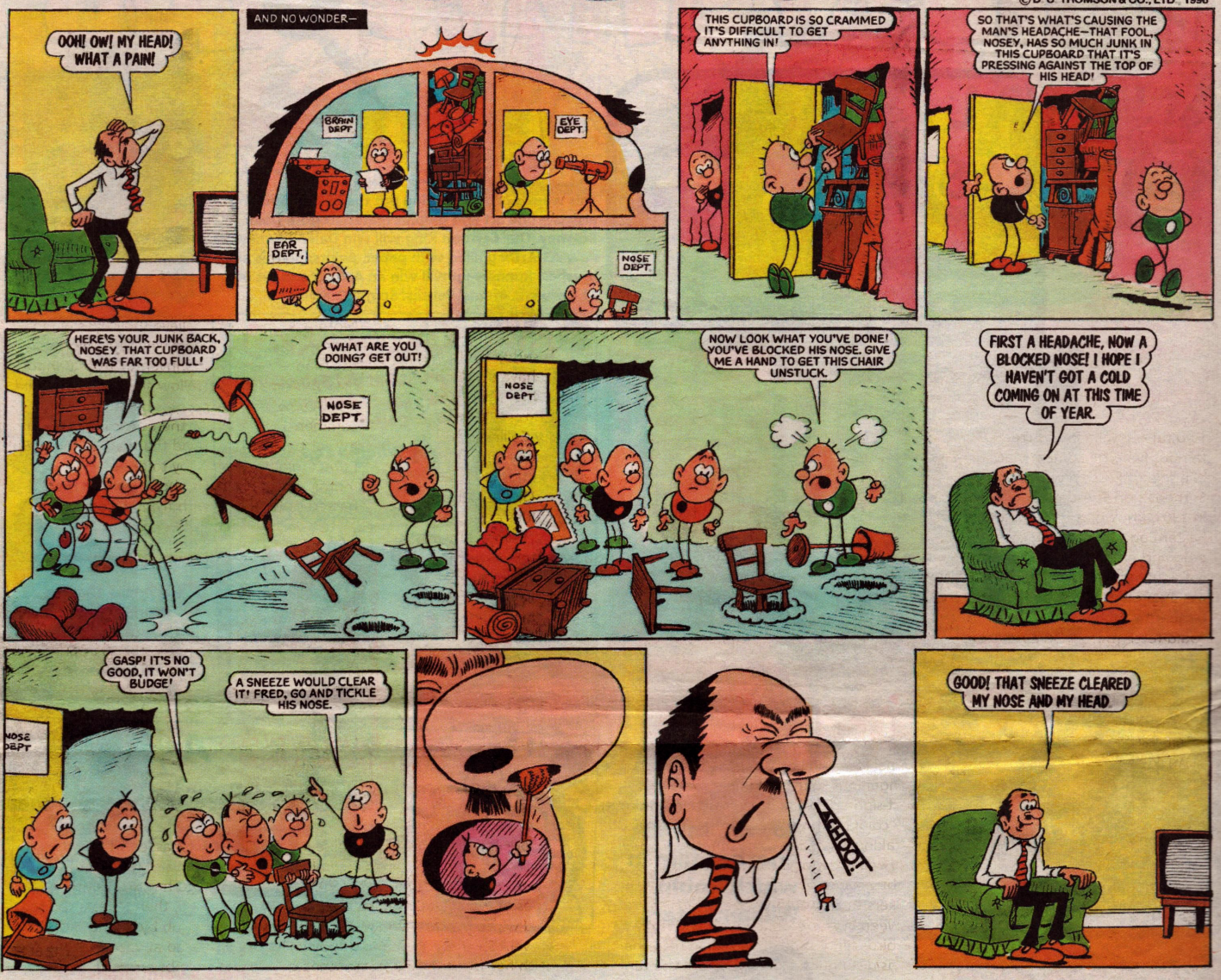
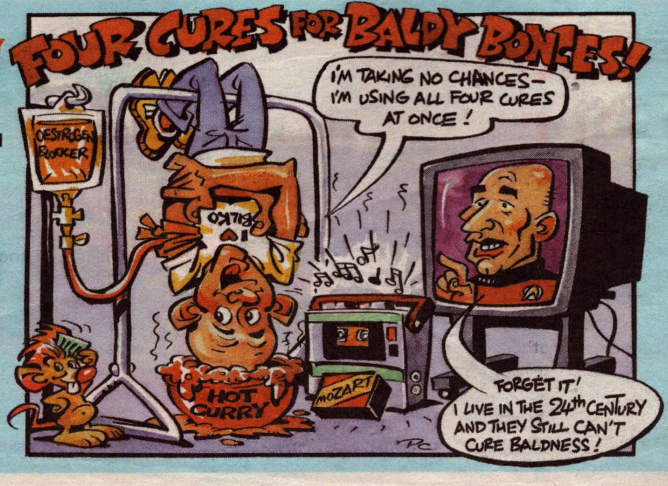


The INTELLIGENT COD

THE COD, AS YOU MAY KNOW, IS ONE OF MANY males suffering from baldness and like fellow sufferers, I have long sought a cure. Recently, I have heard of some weird ways to combat hairlessness. You can hang upside down in a machine called an inverter, or listen to music by Mozart. Other ideas include rubbing curry spices onto the scalp or hormone injections. Personally, I would rather be a handsome but bald fish.



The COD'S QUESTION

Dear Cod, When was the Leaning Tower of Pisa built? Kishore Kamath, age 12, Hull

Dear Kishore, Pisa is a medieval town in Tuscany, Italy. It has many beautiful buildings but the most famous of them all is the Leaning Tower, so called because, well ... it leans. It was begun in 1173 by an architect named Bonanno who must have been a bit off colour when he designed his most famous creation. From the very beginning, probably because its foundations are too small, it, erm, leaned. Now, tourists are not allowed to climb the tower.

 Now we don't want you getting The Intelligent Cod to do your homework but questions are welcome! Address on page 2

FUNDAY TIMES NEWS

Eggciting news!

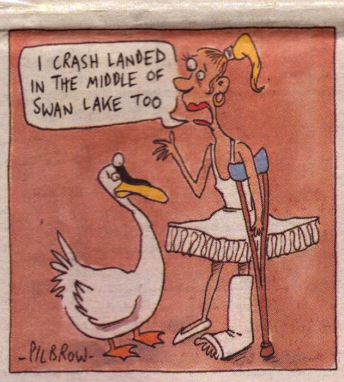
Two rare jewelled eggs created by the famous Faberge company are highlights in a sale of Russian works of art at Sotheby's on Tuesday. One, commissioned in 1901, known as the 'Apple Blossom' Easter Egg, is a dazzling combination of gold and green jade encrusted with precious stones. The other, a 1912 'Nobel Ice' egg, opens to reveal a rock crystal pendant watch. Experts predict they could fetch more than £1 million!

Matt's million!

Imagine suddenly finding that you have a million pounds! In a new TV series, Matt's Million, Matthew Collins is an ordinary boy who finds himself in this enviable position. Or is it? All sorts of difficulties arise – and decisions. Will he buy a house, a smart car or more toys than he could possibly play with? Matt's Million starts Wednesday at 4.40pm on CITV.

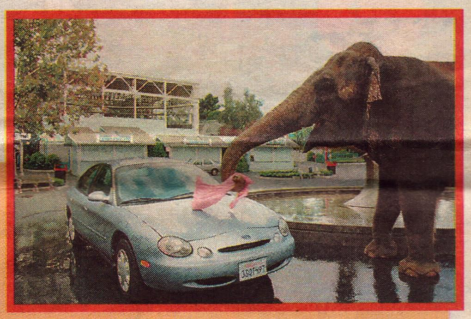
Wheely crazy

Motorists can hardly believe their eyes when they see Elvyn Ley's latest vehicle coming down the road – the car-crazy inventor from Bangor is now driving a bright yellow skip! Elvyn, 45 said: "My 'Skippy' is a real head-turner! Of course I get comments when I'm at the traffic lights about my car being rubbish and that sort of thing. But I don't mind – she is a joy to drive." Elvyn's motor, which only cost about £500 to build, passed its MOT test with flying colours.



Swan dive

Animal lovers in London have come up with an ingenious solution to help scores of short-sighted swans from crash-landing on a grey coloured bridge which the birds keep mistaking for a stretch of the River Thames. They want the local council to attach some brightly-coloured airport-style landing markers to Elizabeth bridge, which spans between Windsor and Slough and is right on the birds flight-path. This should help the swans distinguish the water from the tarmac before more bruising bellyflops occur.



Tusk force

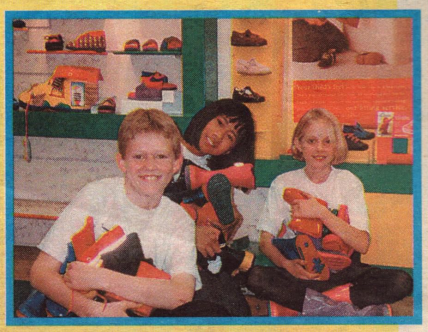
A four ton elephant at a wildlife park in California has learnt how to wash and clean cars and customers say she does a valet good job! Marine World Park spokesman Jeff Jouet said: "After filling her trunk with 40 litres of water, Judy squirts the car at high pressure, then takes a sponge and wipes over the bodywork. She completes the job by drying off with a towel." Staff say 31 year-old Judy will even have a go at vacuuming inside with her trunk if they scatter choc chip cookie crumbs around!

Money mountain

Furry fund-raiser Pudsey Bear is back on Friday for the BBC's annual Children in Need appeal, launched in 1980. Fellow presenters include veteran Terry Wogan, Gaby Roslin and a 12-year-old girl from Glasgow called Marianne Tees who beat 4,000 other youngsters to help host the seven hour spectacular which includes Boyzone, Eternal, Mark Owen and 3T. It's not too late for you to think up a wacky way to help raise funds.

Welly good – so far!

You have just two more weeks to help The Funday Times collect wellies for children in the Balkans. All you have to do is take your old wellington boots and two thick pairs of socks to your local branch of The Clarks Shop (plus a £1 coin for transport). Why not tuck a pic or message in too! So far, Clarks report a big response. Now is the time to look out your old boots.



Towering Inferno

A tall building on fire is a terrifying prospect. When a fire takes hold it spreads at an incredible speed. Controlling it is a skilled operation demanding a team of brave and expert fire-fighters. Take a look at all the preparations that go into tackling the flames.

Don't panic!

Research suggests that fire rarely causes panic. Though aware of the danger, people usually help each other. A stampede happens only when victims feel the fire is about to cut off their escape route.

Anybody in?

Fire fighters must search every room to check that there's nobody unconscious, asleep, or perhaps too old or ill to move.

Spreading smoke

A lift shaft can channel choking smoke everywhere. New buildings use pressurising fans to force air into the shaft, keeping it free of smoke.

Fetching hoses

Lift shafts in new buildings are protected against fire, so fire fighters use them to rush hoses to floors where they are needed.

Call to danger

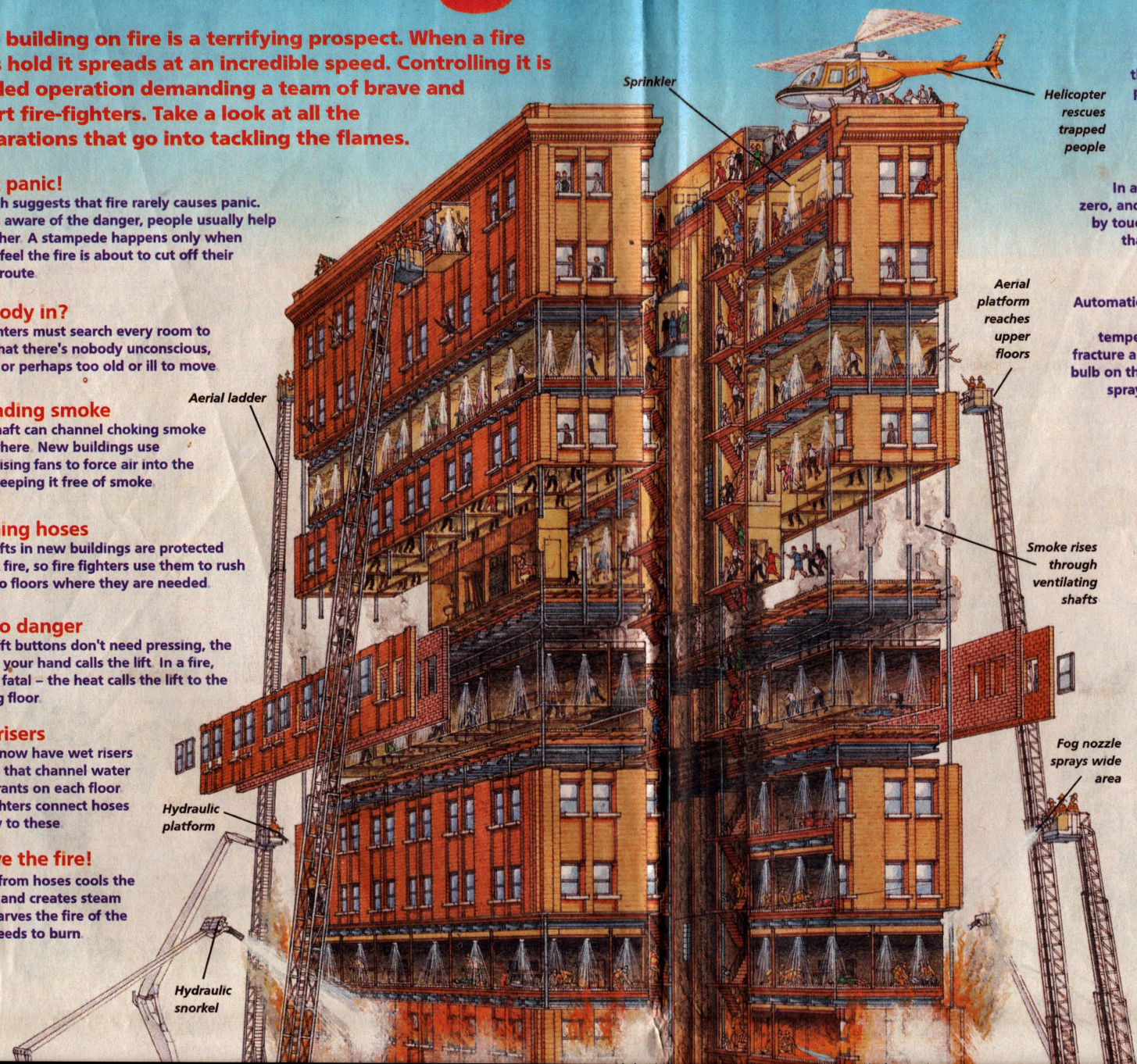
Some lift buttons don't need pressing, the heat of your hand calls the lift. In a fire, they're fatal – the heat calls the lift to the burning floor.

Wet risers

Blocks now have wet risers – pipes that channel water to hydrants on each floor. Fire fighters connect hoses directly to these.

Starve the fire!

Water from hoses cools the flames and creates steam that starves the fire of the air it needs to burn.



Chopper rescue

When the tallest buildings catch fire, rescue by helicopter may be the only escape for those trapped on the upper floors.

Alarming facts

Experience shows that when there are no signs of fire, some people don't recognise the fire alarm signal, or they just ignore it.

In the dark

In a smoke-filled room, visibility is zero, and fire fighters have to navigate by touch alone. They leave a cord, so that they can retrace their steps.

Sprinklers at work

Automatic sprinklers can put out flames before they take hold. Room temperatures much higher than 60C fracture a soft metal strip or a tiny glass bulb on the sprinkler nozzle, water then sprays out, covering about 12sq m.

Protect my pianos!

Automatic sprinklers are not new. Henry S. Parmelee of Connecticut invented them in 1875 to protect his piano factory from fire.

Flaming floors

Most buildings have hollow areas under floors or above ceilings. Unless they are carefully partitioned off, these voids can spread the smoke from room to room.

A long way down

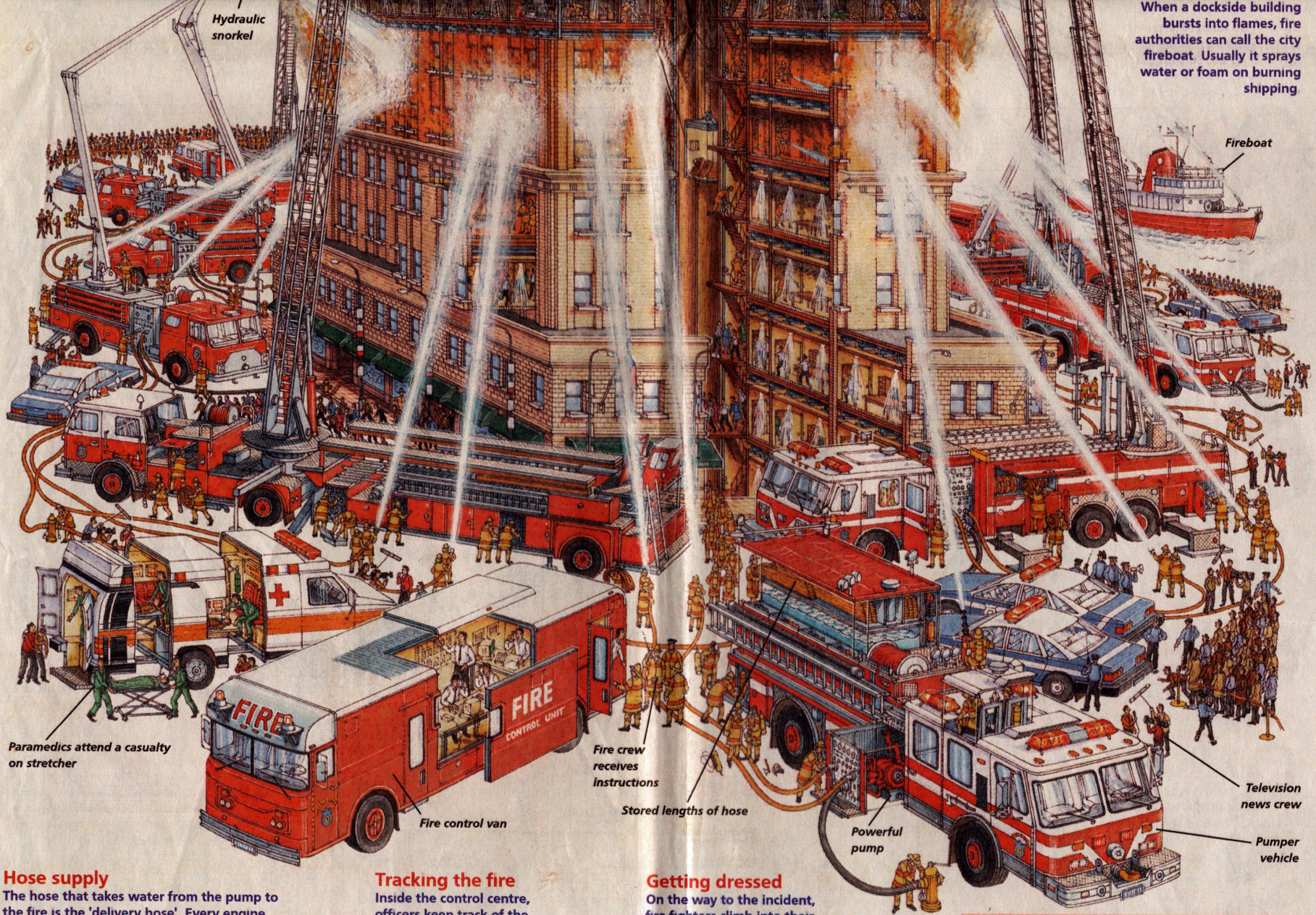
The tallest turntable ladders reach floors up to 50m above the ground.

Snorkel

Hydraulic platforms, nicknamed 'cherry-pickers' or 'snorkels', lift fire fighters rapidly, but they only hold four people.

Fireboat

When a dockside building bursts into flames, fire authorities can call the city fireboat. Usually it sprays water or foam on burning shipping.



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Hose supply

The hose that takes water from the pump to the fire is the 'delivery hose'. Every engine carries lengths of hose, but at big fires a hose-layer vehicle reels out long runs of hose where they are needed.

Tracking the fire

Inside the control centre, officers keep track of the progress in controlling the fire.

Getting dressed

On the way to the incident, fire fighters climb into their heavy protective clothing.

Where's the fire exit?

Some people walk right past fire exits every day, yet in a fire still can't locate the escape route.

Fire control vehicle

Fire-fighters rely on up-to-date communications to co-ordinate operations. At really big fires, the computer and communications centre itself goes on the road.

Low-flam fuel

Firetrucks run on diesel fuel, because it burns less easily than petrol, and is therefore less of a fire risk.

Super pumper

The basic fire fighting appliance is a pumper – this is a huge pump on a truck chassis.

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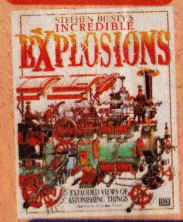

This was taken from Stephen Biesty's Incredible Explosions from Dorling Kindersley and we've got 20 copies to give away. For a chance to win just tell us in which year the Great Fire of London took place.

Entries by December 2 to the Club address, page 2.

BERYL THE PERIL

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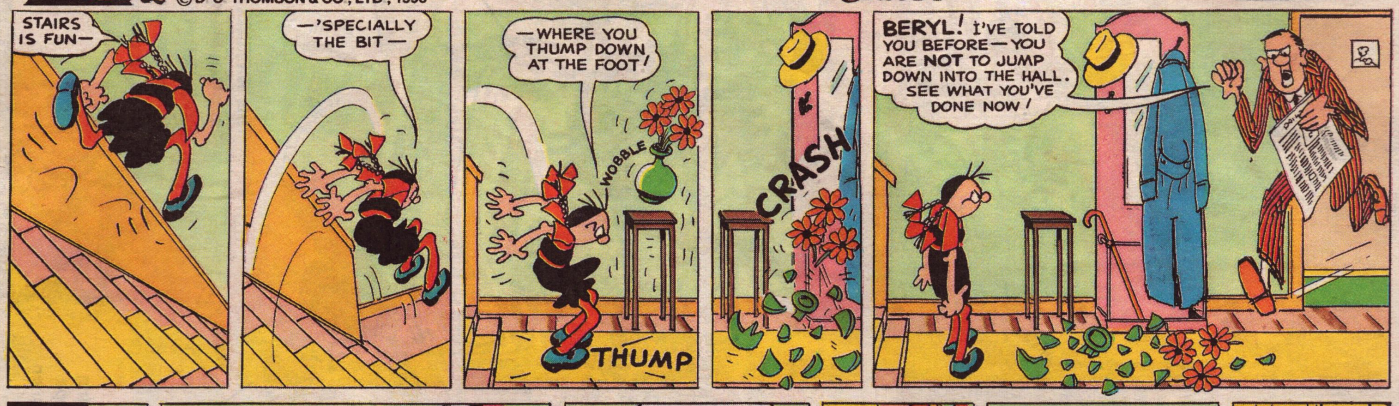
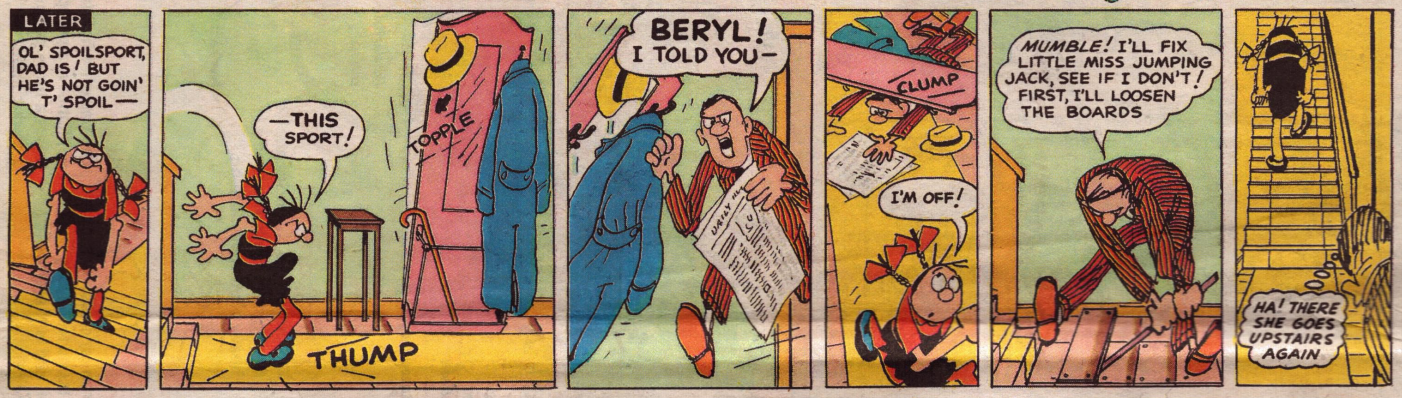
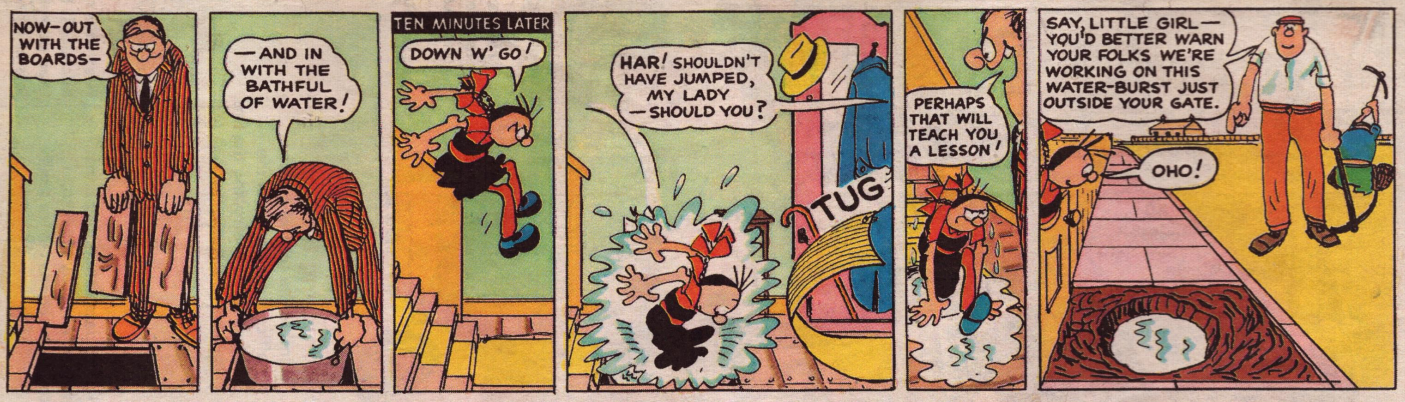
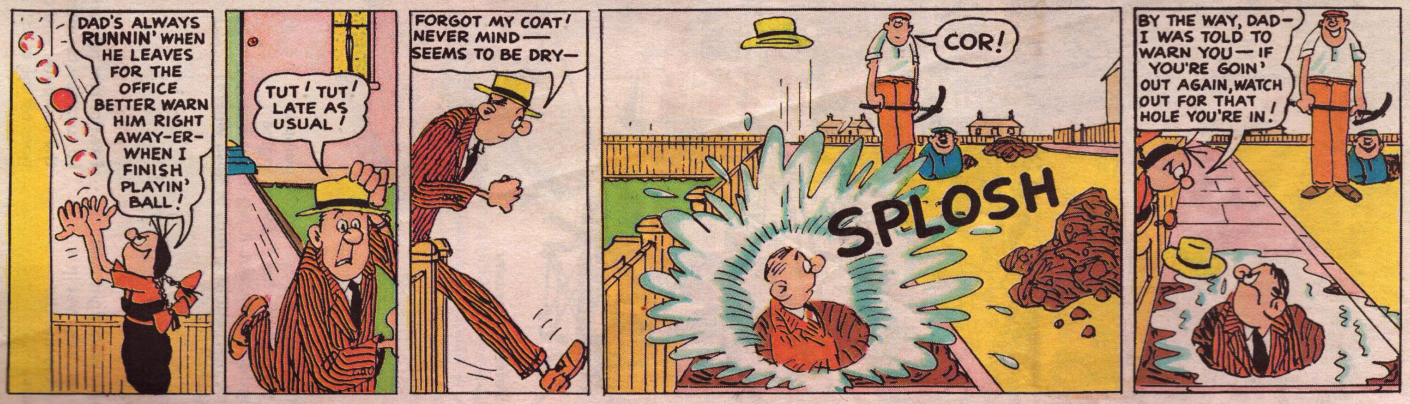
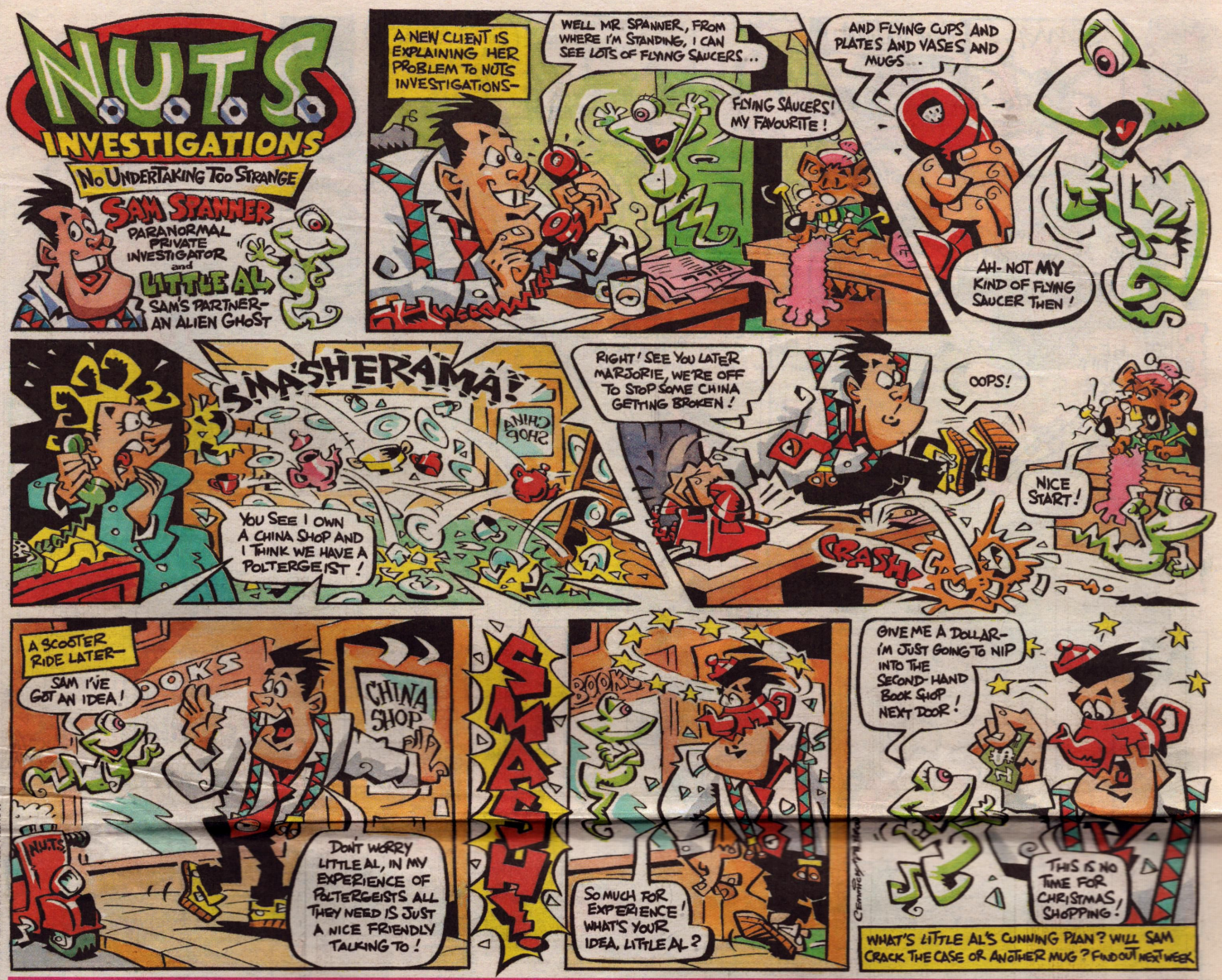








 Cheeky Beryl's always good for a laugh – shame dad doesn't see the funny side! More next week



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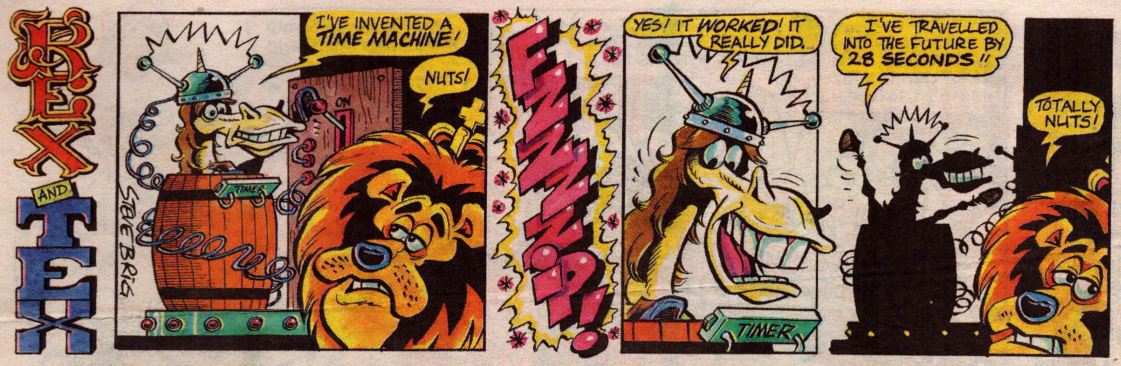

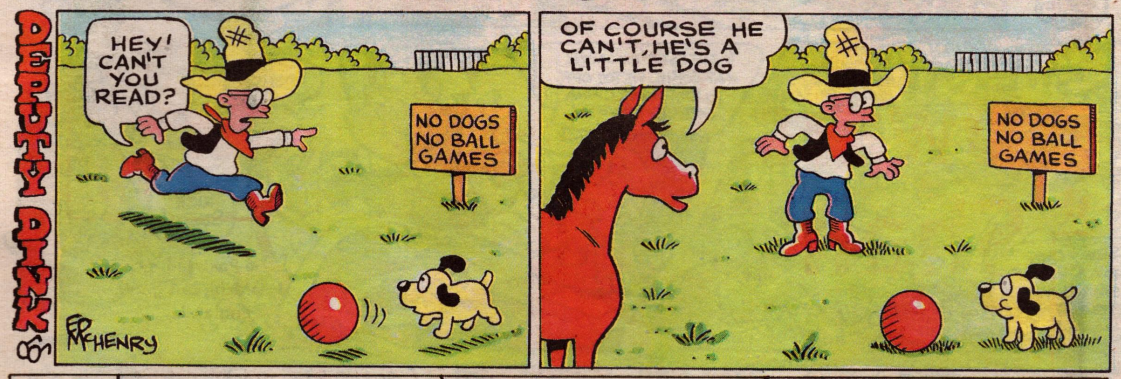

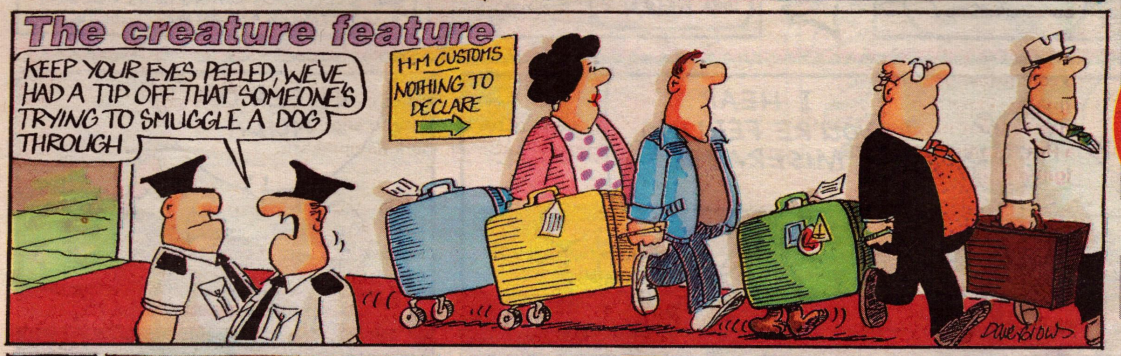

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We go all American to celebrate Thanksgiving

Christmas is coming! Win a party and screening to Jingle All The Way

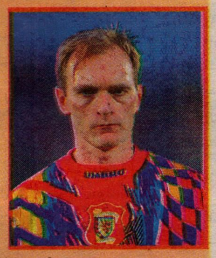
Get the lowdown on Michael Jordan

FUNDAY TIMES SPORT

Red Card

The Red Card this week goes to the world's No 4 tennis star, Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic, who turned up at his latest match looking like Pebbles from the Flintstones. Practical, it may be Goran, but from a fashion point of view, that hair-raising new cut's a definite 'Yabba dabba don't'

Gold Medal



Scotland's goalie Jim Leighton, wins the Gold Medal for a superb performance against arch-rivals Sweden, in the Scots' vital 1-0 win which leaves them top of their World Cup qualifying group. The 38-year-old Hibernian keeper produced save after save on his 75th appearance for his country, to deny the Swedes an equaliser

CRICKETER

Owais Shah

England's most talented young cricketers are touring Australia with a national second eleven, known as the A team. Although the side lost their first game, it produced a star – Owais Shah. He batted superbly against New South Wales, scoring more than 70 in both innings. Next step, a place in the England test team!

- Owais was born in the Pakistani city of Karachi, but grew up in England
- He made his debut for Middlesex in a one-day match at the age of 16!
- At the age of 18, Owais is the youngest player touring Australia with the side
- He plays for Middlesex in cricket's county championship, but is still studying at school in Heston for his A-levels
- He is known as 'son of Ramps' because of his similarity to another England batsman, Mark Ramprakash
- In one of his first Sunday league games he scored 64 against Yorkshire while the old Ramps managed 26 and Mike Gatting only scored 10

Sportrait

COMPETITION

The new Pizza Hut ad for Pan Pizza stars Chris Waddle, Gareth Southgate and Stuart Pearce – all famous for missing some of the most crucial penalties in soccer history. To celebrate their new signings, Pizza Hut are offering five readers the chance to treat mum, dad and friends to a meal at Pizza Hut. The first correct entry drawn will also win a signed England shirt.

WIN! WIN! WIN!

Just tell us who Gareth Southgate plays for.
Answers to the club address by December 2

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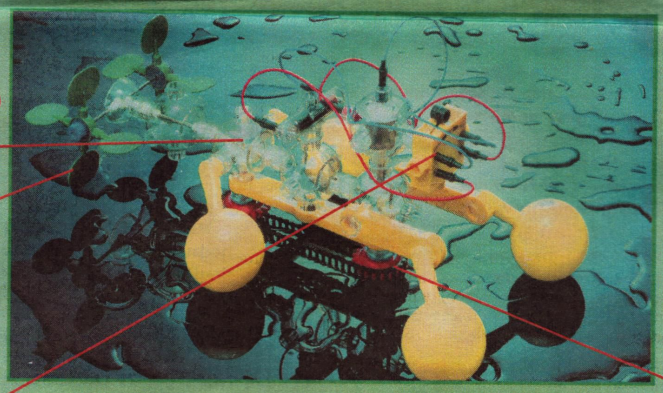
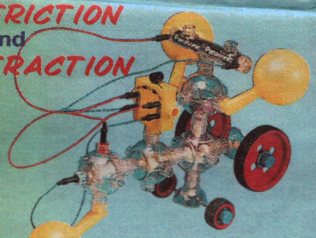
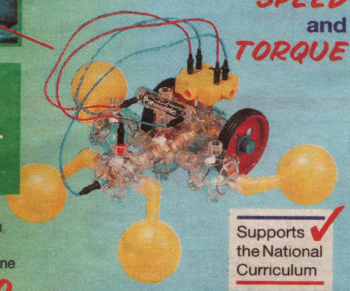


Stuntcar for *FRICTION* and *TRACTION*



Lunar Rover for *FORCE*

Spiderbug for *SPEED* and *TORQUE*



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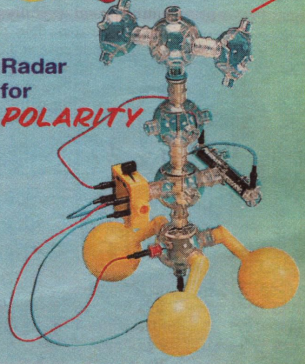

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